

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 were pending. Claims 7 and 16 have been cancelled, and claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 10, 11, 15, 19, 20, and 23 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-6, 8-15, and 17-23 remain pending subsequent entry of the present amendment.

Drawings

Pursuant to the examiner's request, sample descriptive labels have been added to Fig. 1, Fig. 3, Fig. 4, and Fig. 7. Accordingly, replacement sheets for Fig. 1, Fig. 3, Fig. 4, and Fig. 7 are provided herein. No new matter has been added.

Claim Objections

Each of claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 10, 11, 15, 19, 20, and 23 have been amended in a manner believed to overcome the informality objections.

Claims 2, 11 and 20 have been amended to recite the third signal is generated "out of phase" with the first clock signal, rather than "approximately ninety degrees" out of phase as requested. This amendment is supported by at least the following portion of the Description:

"In the above example it is noted that clock signal 459 is generated to be approximately 90 degrees out of phase with input data 455. . . . the phase shift of clock signal 459 versus clock signal 457 may be more or less than 90 degrees. Those skilled in the art will understand and appreciate that such tuning procedures are possible. In addition, while it is possible to utilize phase shifts other than 90 degrees, a 90 degree phase shift is used for purposes of discussion herein." (Description, page 9, line 21 – page 10, line 5).

Claim 14 has not been amended to change "claim 12" to "claim 13" and "signal approximately" to "signal by said first circuit approximately" as requested. The suggested amendment is not required for compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

In the present Office Action, claims 1-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1, 10, 16, and 19 have been amended in a manner believed to overcome the rejection.

Applicant believes the application to be in condition for allowance. Should the examiner believe issues remain, the below signed representative requests a telephone interview in order to facilitate a more speedy resolution.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5681-03800/RDR.

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